Amended and Unchanged Existing Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 6, and 11 as indicated below (all currently pending claims are listed for the Office's convenience):

1.   **(Twice Amended)** A hypermedia browser embodied on a computer-readable medium for execution on an information processing device having a limited display area, wherein the hypermedia browser has a content viewing area and is configured to display a temporary graphic element over the content viewing area during times when the browser is loading content, wherein the temporary graphic element is positioned [within] <u>over</u> the content viewing area to only partially obstruct content in the content viewing area, <u>wherein the temporary graphic element does not contain information content.</u>

2.   A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the temporary graphic element is animated.

3.   A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element in a corner of the content viewing area.

4.   A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the hypermedia browser presents the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a windowing operating environment.

5. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein:

the temporary graphic element is animated; and

the hypermedia browser presents the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a windowing operating environment.

6. **(Twice Amended)** An information processing device comprising:

a processor;

a display;

a hypermedia browser executing on the processor to load and display content in a content viewing area on the display;

wherein the hypermedia browser displays a temporary graphic element over the content viewing area during times when the browser is loading visible content;

wherein the temporary graphic element [occupies] is positioned only over a portion of the content viewing area and only partially obstructs visible content in the content viewing area; and

wherein the temporary graphic element indicates to a user that the browser is loading content.

7. An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein the temporary graphic element is animated.

8. An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein the hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element in a corner of the content viewing area.

9.   An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein the hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a windowing operating environment.

10.   An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein:

the temporary graphic element is animated; and

the hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a windowing operating environment.

11.   (Twice Amended) A method of browsing a hyperlink resource, comprising the following steps:

loading content from the hyperlink resource in response to user selection of hyperlinks contained in said content;
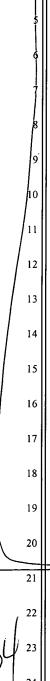
displaying the content in a content viewing area;

displaying a temporary graphic element over the content viewing area during the loading step, wherein the temporary graphic element only partially obstructs content in the content viewing area;

wherein the loading, the content displaying, and the temporary graphic element displaying steps occur at least partially concurrently.

12.   A method as recited in claim 11, further comprising an additional step of animating the temporary graphic element.

13. A method as recited in claim 11, wherein the displaying step includes displaying the temporary graphic element in a corner of the content viewing area.

14. A method as recited in claim 11, wherein the displaying step includes displaying the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a windowing operating environment.

15. A method as recited in claim 11, further comprising an additional step of animating the temporary graphic element, wherein the displaying step includes displaying the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a windowing operating environment:

16. A computer-readable storage medium containing instructions that are executable for performing the steps recited in claim 11.

New Claims:

Please add claims 17-24 as indicated below:

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2 **17.** A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the browser is configured to display the temporary graphic element over the content viewing area only during times when the browser is loading visible content.

18. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the temporary graphic element indicates to a user that the browser is loading content.

19. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the temporary graphic element disappears when the browser's loading of content is complete to indicate to a user that such loading of content is complete.

20. An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein the temporary graphic element does not contain information content.

21. An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein the temporary graphic element disappears when the browser's loading of content is complete to indicate to a user that such loading of content is complete.

22. A method as recited in claim 11, wherein the temporary graphic element does not contain information content.

23. A method as recited in claim 11, wherein the temporary graphic element indicates to a user that the loading step is being performed.

24. A method as recited in claim 11, further comprising removing the temporary graphic element once the loading step is complete to indicate to a user that the loading step is complete.

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